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Cumberland High School

Cumberland, Virginia

E. Armstrong Smith - *Principal*

DEDICATION

We dedicate this book to Mrs. Georgia H. Putney.
Without her kindness and helpfulness our school
could not function as smoothly as it does.
She has given freely of her time, her in-
terest, and her abilities to the school
and to the entire community.

FOREWORD

We, the staff of 1948, have compiled this book in the hope that it will hold for us the beloved memories of our school days and keep unforgotten the friendships and associations we have made.

THE STAFF

B. B. Stonnell.....*Editor-in-Chief*
Bernard Warren.....*Assistant*
Jack Boggs.....*Business Manager*
Kathleen Nelson.....*Assistant*
Marty Ann Keith.....*Distribution Editor*
Frank Baber.....*Senior Editor*
Anne Vaughan.....*Feature Editor*
Buck Blackwell.....*Activity Editor*

ADMINISTRATION

THE FACULTY

Miss Loreen Agee
Music, Typing, English
Farmville, S. T. C., B.S.

Mrs. Mary Tyler Baber
Latin, English, History
Farmville, S. T. C.
University of Virginia

Mrs. Shirley D. Irby
English, Bookkeeping, Typing
Farmville, S. T. C., B.S.

Miss Bessie Lou Parker
Librarian
William and Mary, B.S.

Mrs. Georgia H. Putney
Home Economics
Farmville, S. T. C., B.S.

J. Meredith Roberson
Government, English, History
Syracuse University, A.B.

Mrs. Lolita Cox Smith
Science, Physical Education, English
Woman's College, U. of N. C., B.S.
Columbia University, M.A.
University of North Carolina

Mr. E. Armstrong Smith,
Principal
Algebra
William and Mary, B.S., M.A.
University of Virginia

Mr. John H. Varner
Chemistry, Vocational Agriculture
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, B.S.

Mr. Edwin Vassar
Agricultural Education
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, B.S.

Mrs. Ruby B. Wilkinson
Math, Civics
Farmville, S. T. C., B.S.

FACULTY FAVORITES

Miss Agee—*"Get quiet and get to work."*

Mrs. Baber—*"Get the paper off the floor."*

Mrs. Irby—*"Get out pencil and paper."*

Miss Parker—*"S-s-s-s-h-Quiet in the library."*

Mrs. Putney—*"Stop talking and get to work."*

Mr. Robeson—*"Have a seat."*

Mrs. Smith—*"This way to the Senior Home Room."*
"I'll turn you across my checkered apron."

Mr. Smith—*"Don't fuss about the beans, that's all the government will give us."*

Mr. Vassar—*"Boys! You all ought to have seen that game I pitched yesterday."*

Mr. Varner—*"At ease!"*

Mrs. Wilkinson—*"Here's a demerit slip!"*

CLASSES

THE SENIORS

OFFICERS

JACK BOGGS.....*President*

EUGENE BANTON.....*Vice-President*

LILLIAN BRUCE.....*Secretary*

MARTY ANN KEITH.....*Treasurer*

MRS. SMITH.....*Advisor*

Robert Lee Agee
"Bob"

Ambition—A life of ease.

Favorite Pastime—Playing basketball.

Glee Club 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Sec. of Class 2.

Lola Marie Ashburn
"Marie"

Ambition—To make the best out of life.

Favorite Pastime—Eating and sewing.

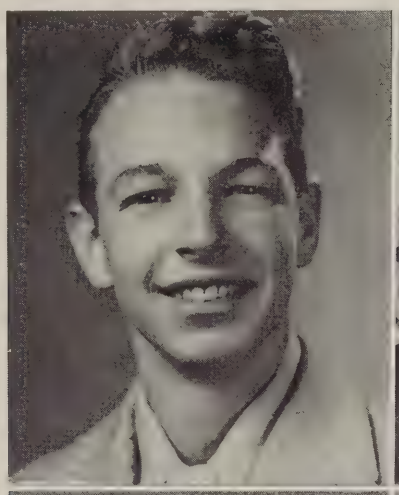
4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 4; Dramatic Club 4.

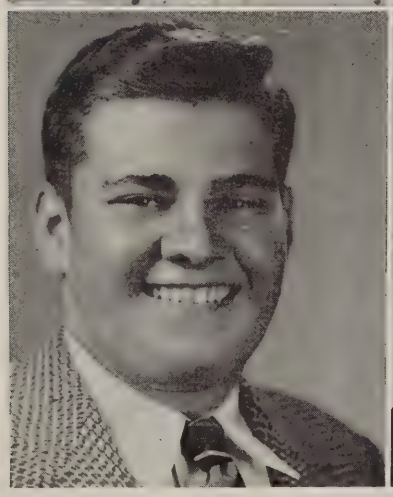
Harmon Gaither Atkinson, Jr.
"H. G."

Ambition—To be successful in any field I enter.

Favorite Pastime—Playing ball.

Football 3; F. F. A. 2.





Frank Howard Baber, Jr.
"Frank"

Ambition—To finish college.

Favorite Pastime—Driving.

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pres. 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; F. F. A. 1; Football 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Vice-Pres. of Class 3; Business Manager of School Paper 2.

Julia Amanda Baker
"Rat"

Ambition—Become a stenographer.

Favorite Pastime—Dancing, sleeping eating, and swimming.

Glee Club 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Pres. 3; Softball 3; Pres. of Class 2.

Eugene Banton
"Gene"

Ambition—Finish school.

Favorite Pastime—Talking to the girls, dancing, and hunting.

F. F. A. 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Vice-Pres. of Class 4.

Bernice Eugunia Berry
"Bee"

Ambition—Typist.

Favorite Pastime—Going to the movies.

4-H Club 1.

William James Blackwell
"Buck"

Ambition—To finish school.

Favorite Pastime—Playing baseball.

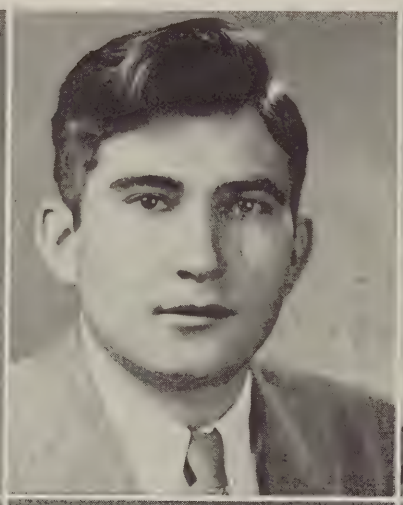
Football 3, 4; Captain 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 4.

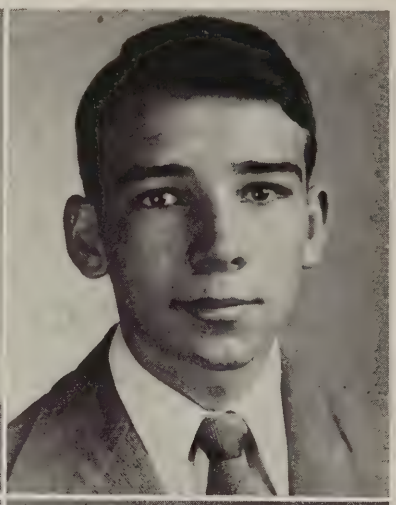
Emmett Jackson Boggs
"Jack"

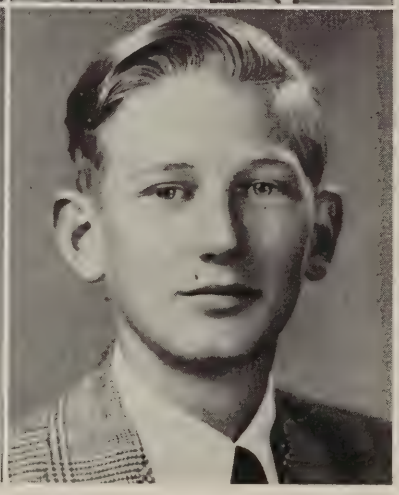
Ambition—To be successful in whatever field I choose to enter.

Favorite Pastime—Anything pertaining to sports.

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 2, 3, 4; Honor Council 2, 3; Football 4; Basketball 4; Baseball 4; Sec. of Glee Club 3; Vice-Pres. 4; Song leader of 4-H Club 3; Pres. 4; Business Manager 4.







Lillian Emily Bruce
"Lillian"

Ambition—To become a stenographer.

Favorite Pastime—Reading and listening to radio.

Home Ec. Club 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Honor Council 2, 3; Sec. of Class 3, 4; Student Council 4.

Everett Andrew Carnes
"Carnes"

Ambition—To finish school.

Favorite Pastime—Hunting and fishing.

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4.

Paul Rucker Francis
"Paul"

Ambition—To learn to type.

Favorite Pastime—Talking.

Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

Helen Otelia Hazelgrove
"O. T."

Ambition—To become a typist.
Favorite Pastime—Going to the movies.

Home Ec. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4.

Margaret Jean Ingle
"Duck"

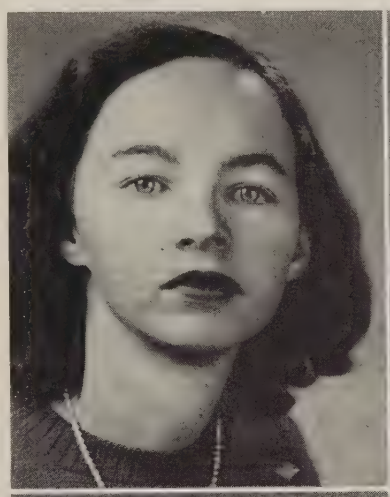
Ambition—Stenographer.
Favorite Pastime—Talking and dancing.

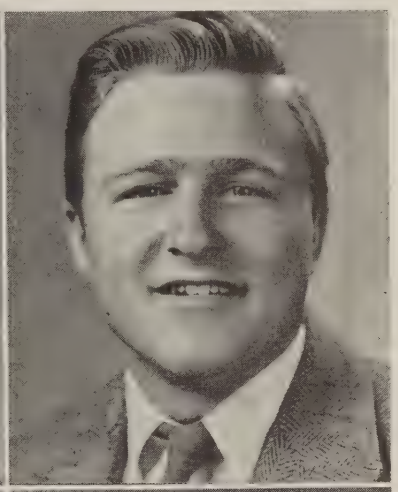
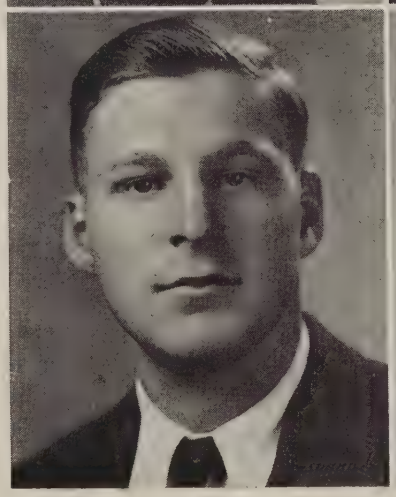
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 3; Annual Staff 4.

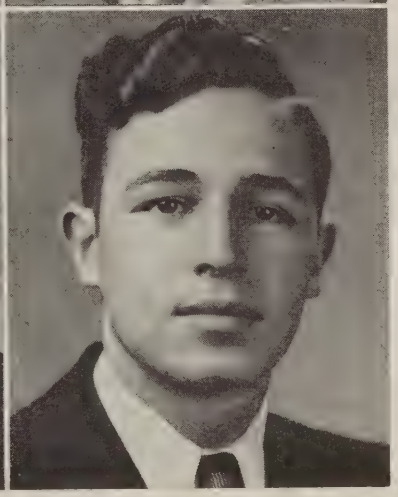
Andrew Johnston
"Stud"

Ambition—To finish school.
Favorite Pastime—Playing baseball.

Baseball 2, 3, 4, 5; F. F. A. 1, 2, 4, 5; Dramatic Club 3, 4, 5; Football 4, 5.





Clayton Penbrook Johnston
"Kayton"

Ambition—Play baseball.
Favorite Pastime—Playing baseball.

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Vice-Pres. 4.

Marty Ann Keith
"Nearly"

Ambition—To be an auditor.
Favorite Pastime—Hunting, fishing, dancing, swimming, and horseback riding.

Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3; Dramatic Club 4; 4-H Club 1; Annual Staff 4; Treasurer of Class 4.

Hunter Rogers Meador
"Hunter"

Ambition—Finish school.
Favorite Pastime—Talking to the girls and dancing.

Glee Club 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Manager 3.

FRANCES OTELIA MOOREFIELD

"Frances"

Ambition—To become a secretary.
Favorite Pastime—Dancing and going to the movies.
Home Ec. Club 1, 2; 4-H Club 1; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4.

JAMES ALEXANDER RANSONE, JR.

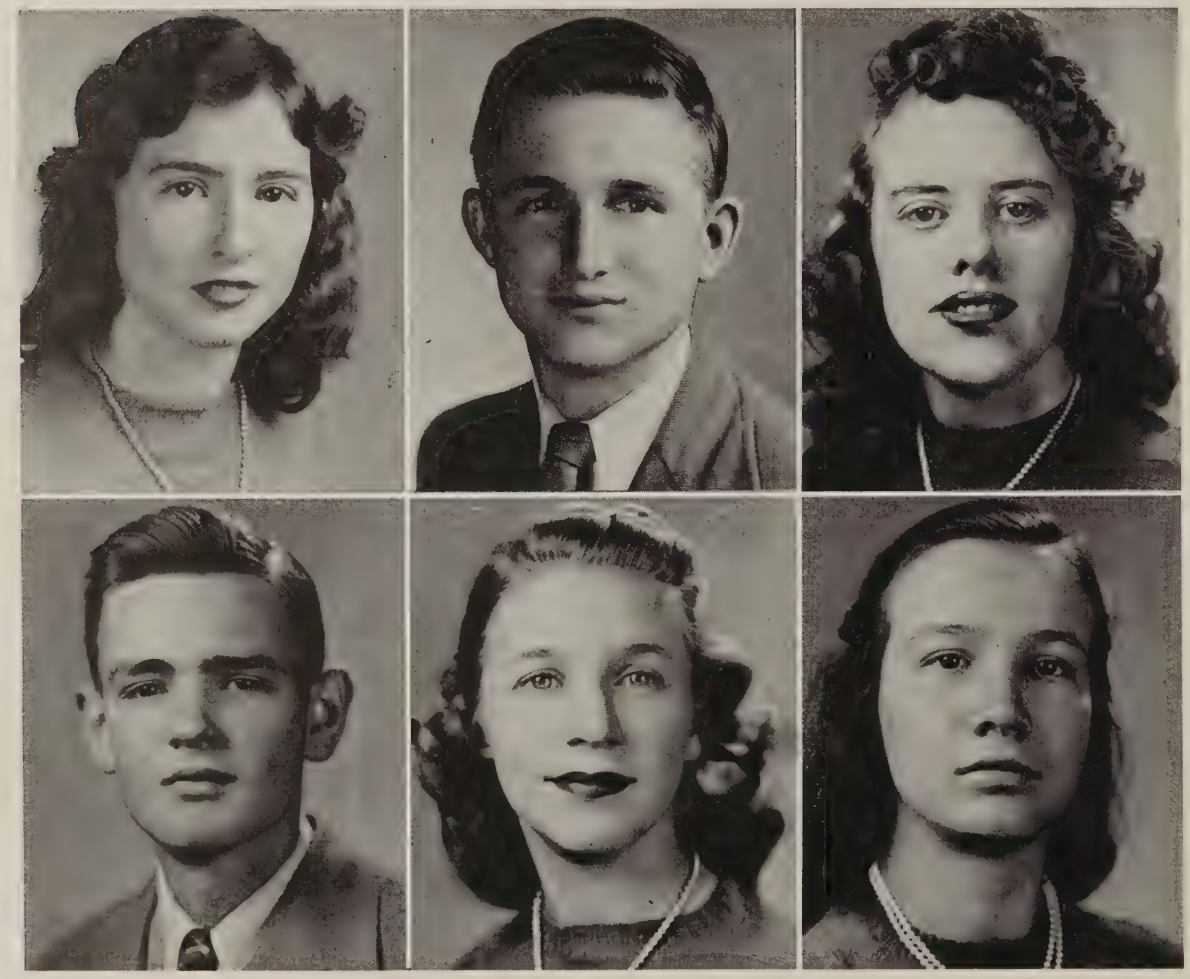
"Jay"

Ambition—To finish school.
Favorite Pastime—Playing base ball.
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Watch Dog 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Treasurer 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 2, 3; Class Reporter 1; Vice-Pres. 2; Assistant Business Manager for the Annual 2, 3.

MARY JANE SMALLWOOD

"Jane"

Favorite Pastime—Listening to the radio.
Home Ec. Club 1, 2.



BASIL BAGBY STONNELL

"B. B."

Ambition—To go to college.
Favorite Pastime—Anything to do with sports.
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-Pres. 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-Pres. 4; Honor Council 2, 3; Vice-Pres. 3; Annual Staff 2, 3, 4; Pres. Class 1, 3; Student Council 4; Vice- Pres. of Class 2; Editor-in-Chief of Annual 4.

VIVIAN ANNE VAUGHAN

"Anne"

Ambition—Stenographer.
Favorite Pastime—Sleeping, going to movies, going to football games, singing, and eating.
Home Ec. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Dramatic Club 4; 4-H Club 1; Annual Staff 4.

HESTER MARIE WRIGHT

"Hut"

Ambition—Typist.
Favorite Pastime—Sports.
Softball 1, 2, 3, 4.

SUPER SENIORS

Best All Around

Frank Baber
Julia Baker

Most Likely to Succeed

B. B. Stonnell
Marty Ann Keith

Most Intelligent

Jack Boggs
Lillian Bruce

Most Musical

J. A. Ransone
Marie Ashburn

Most Athlete

Clayton Johnston
Hester Wright

Wittiest

Robert Agee
Margaret Ingle

Most Popular

William Blackwell
Anne Vaughan

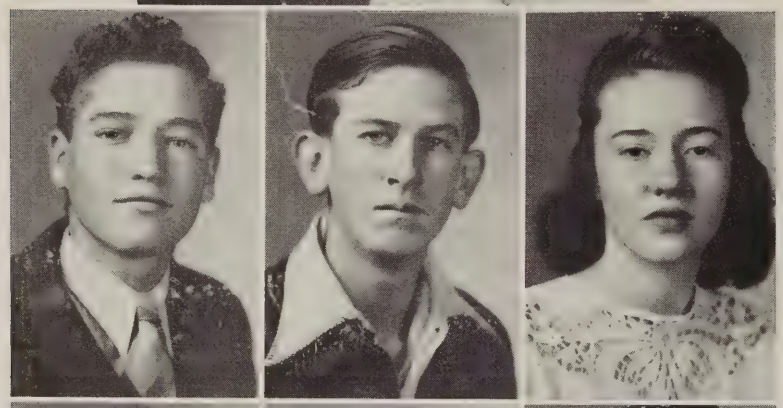
Most Attractive

Hunter Meador
Bernice Berry

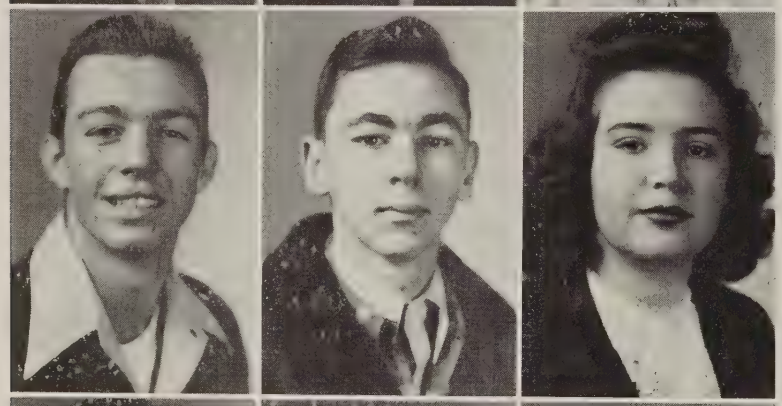
JUNIORS

Eric Robinson.....President
Ann Foster.....Vice-President
Kathleen Nelson.....Secretary
P. L. Duncan, Jr.....Treasurer

June Adams
Shirley Baldwin



Kenneth Bates
Carl Brown, Jr.
Alice Cutright



P. L. Duncan, Jr.
Vernon Easter
Doris Elgin

Mattie Emerson
Ann Foster
Katherine Frayser

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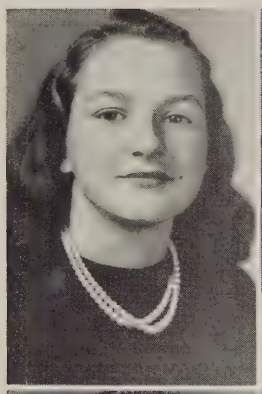
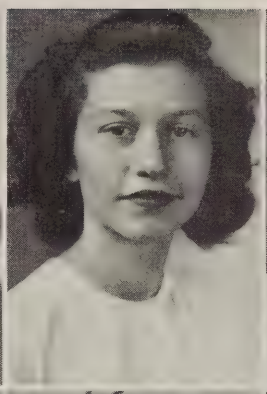
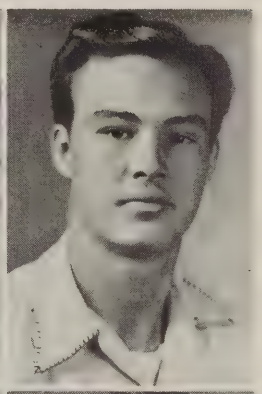
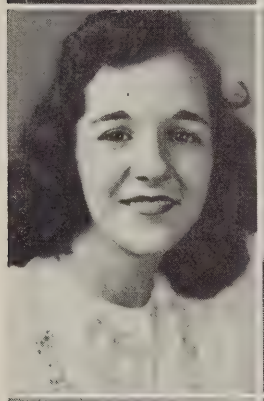
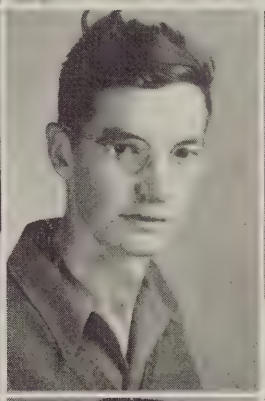
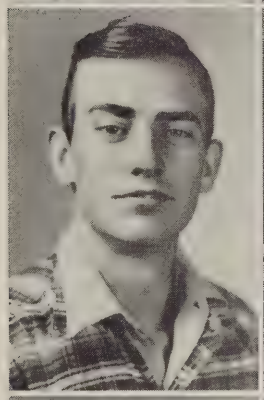
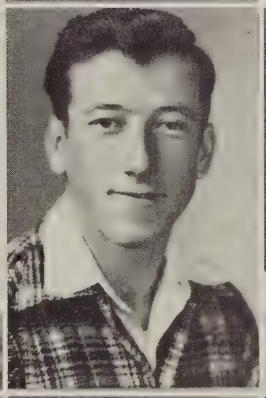
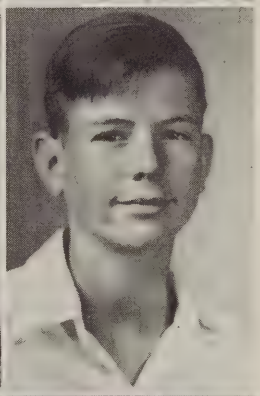




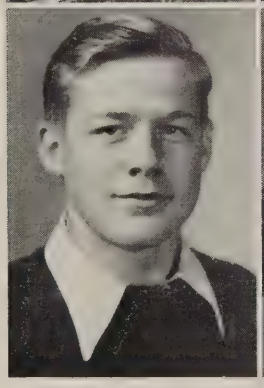
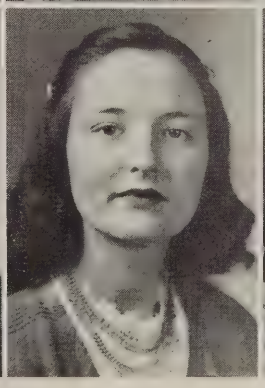
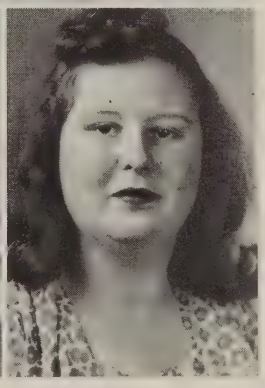
Jeanette Furr
Lillian Guthrie
L. J. Hayes

Lois Honeycutt
Daniel Huddleston
Eleanor Hudgins

Allan Hunter
Carl (*Karo*) Husky
Seymore Jamerson

Rudolph Johnston
Georgianne Key
Alene Marion

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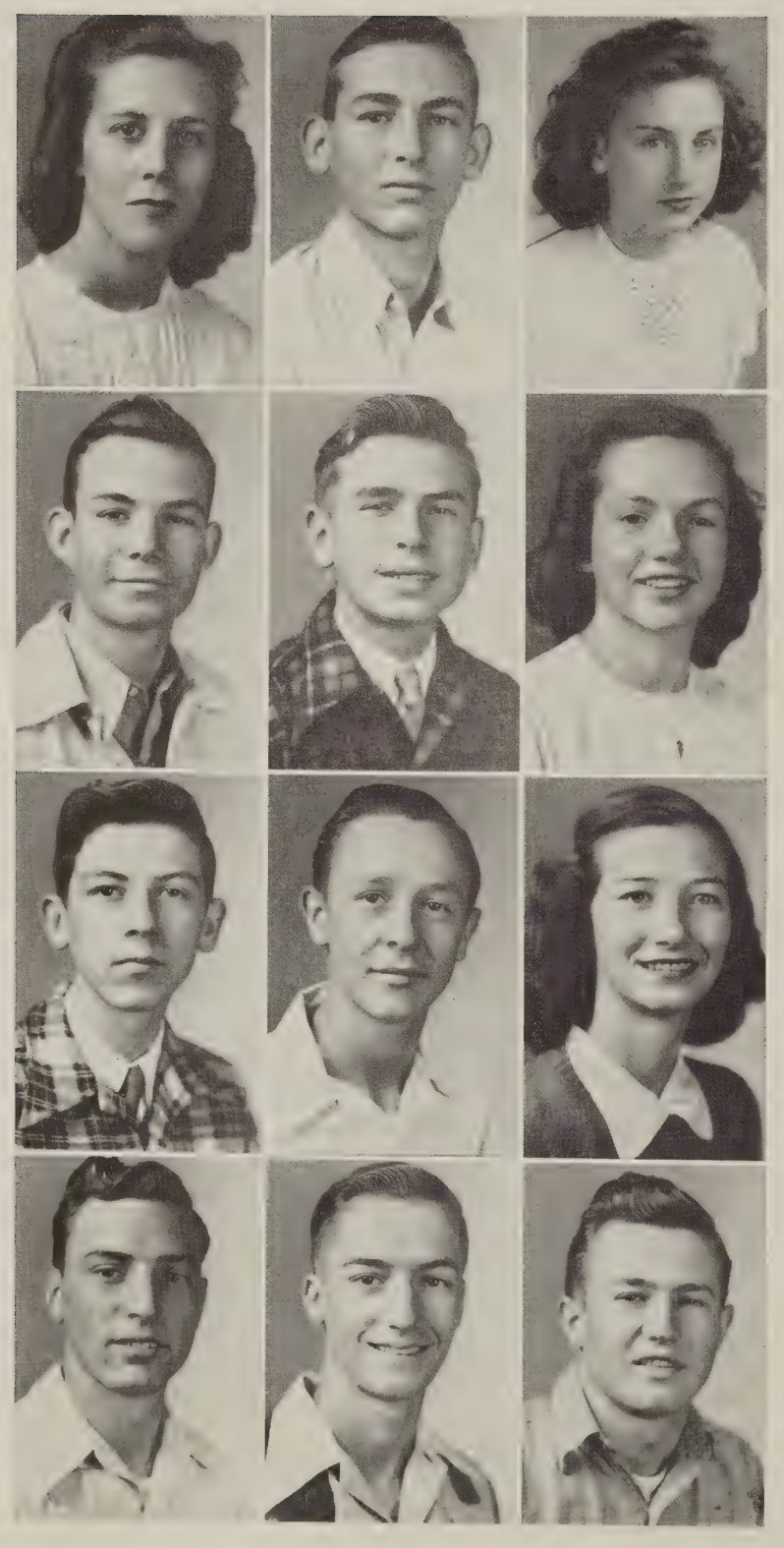


Kathleen Nelson
Charlie Parker
Dorothy Pipjunge

Thomas Ragland
Eric Robinson
Audrey Sanderson

Charles Scott
Wilson Shores
Ann Smith

Deckie Speas
Bernard Warren
Hayes Whaley

SOPHOMORES

OFFICERS

HERBERT H. GOODMAN.....*President*
LOIS EHRHART.....*Vice-President*
ARLEEN SMITH.....*Secretary*

FIRST ROW: David Thompson, Tessie Oertel, Hugh Pleasants, Delores Thomas, Loy Whaley, Lois Ehrhart, Herbert Goodman, Sibyl Robertson, Tucker Harrison, Addie Mae Dennis, Jack Simpson, Jean Carter, James Marion.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. Baber, Frances Thompson, Inez Easte, Bobby Sanderson, Edith Dowdy, Dennis Meadow, Betty Frazier, Richie Miller, Pauline Guinn, Roy Speas, Dean Adams, Otis Midkiff, Joan Shores, James Hayes, Arleen Smith, Lillian Ball and William Jones.

THIRD ROW: Edward Pfeiffer, Martha L. Dabney, Walter Blackwell, Barbara Short, Bobby McKay, Betty Stinnett, Elbert Womack, Nellie Mason, Franklin Wallace, Marie Martin, Dainese Johnston, Ida Pemberton.

FRESHMEN

OFFICERS

Virginia Crockett.....*President*
Patti Robertson.....*Vice-President*
Jack Keller.....*Secretary*
Patricia Brown.....*Treasurer*

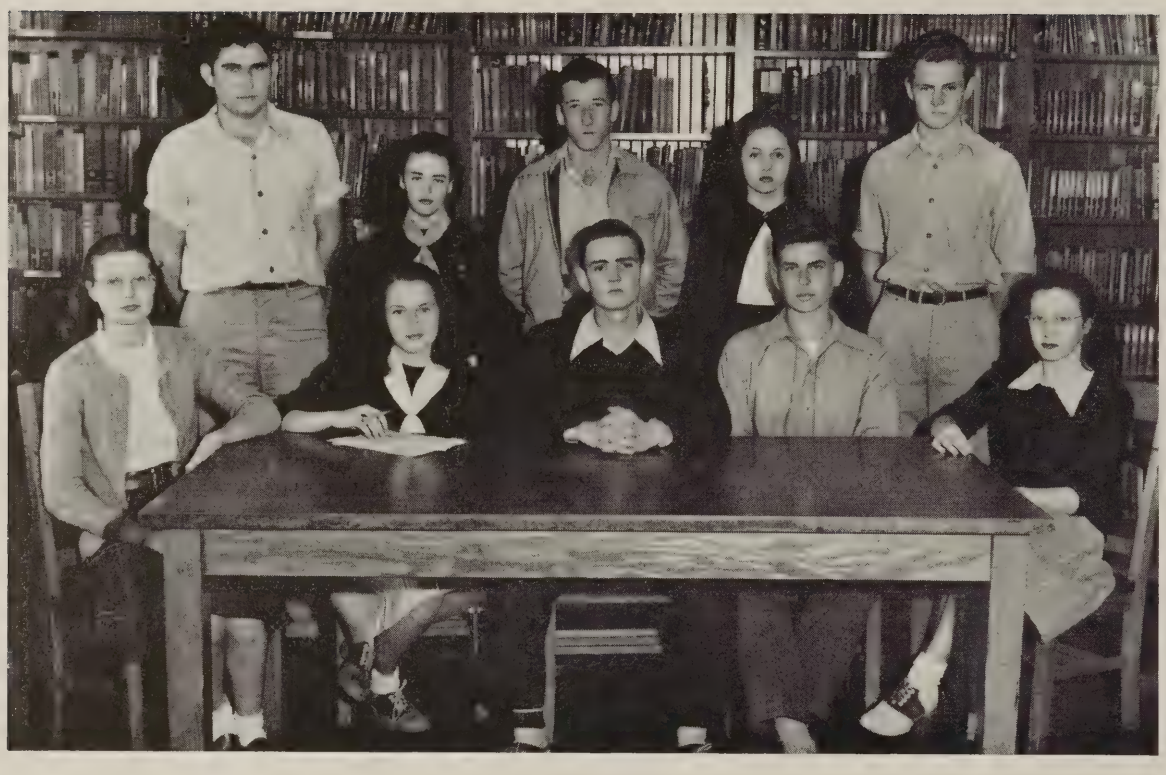
First Row: Angie Glenn, Paul Dansberger, Barbara Vaughan, Franklin Adams, Patti Robertson, Virginia Crockett, Patricia Brown, George Adams, Mary Kay Wealch, James Parker, Perry Turpin.

Second Row: Mrs. Wilkinson, James Cutright, Helen Marion, Charles Spillman, Rachel Pickens, Charles Mahan, Mary Moorefield, Charles Gordner, Rozine Stout, George Wilson, Dorothy Farris, Robbie Smith.

Third Row: Jack Ingle, Billy Tyson, Everett Dawson, Tom Brown, Jean Thompson, Dale Sutton, Margaret Irving, Thomas Dennis, Pearl Bruce, Katharine Holman.

ACTIVITIES

STUDENT COUNCIL



First Row: Lillian Bruce, Jeannette Furr, B. B. Stonnell, Eric Robinson, Lois Ehrhart.

Second Row: William Blackwell, Patti Robertson, Carl Huskey, Virginia Crockett, Tucker Harrison.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

OFFICERS

Audrey Sanderson.....*President*
Alice Cutwright.....*Vice-President*
Jeannette Furr.....*Secretary*
Sibyl Robertson.....*Treasurer*
Kathleen Nelson.....*Reporter*

First Row: Lois Honeycutt, Ida Mae Pembleton, Jeannette Furr, Audrey May Sanderson, Alice Cutright, Sibyl Robertson, Kathleen Nelson, Inez Easte, Jean Ann Carter.

Second Row: Mattie Emerson, Delores Thomas, Mary Kay Wealch, Martha Louise Dabney, Doris Elgin, June Adams, Marie Ashburn, Shirley Baldwin, Mrs. Putney.

Third Row: Catherine Holman, Dainese Johnston, Lillian Guthrie, Betty Frazier, Dean Adams, Joan Shores, Pauline Guinn.

GLEE CLUB

OFFICERS

Ann Foster.....*President*
Jack Boggs.....*Vice-President*
Lois Honeycutt.....*Secretary*
B. B. Stonnell.....*Treasurer*
Anne Vaughan.....*Reporter*

First Row: Patricia Brown, Dean Adams, Martha Louise Dabney, Georgianne Key, Margaret Irving, Daniese Johnston, James Walter Parker, Jean Thompson, Patti Robertson, Thomas Dennis, Charles Spillman.

Second Row: Eleanor Hudgins, James Marion, Ida Mae Pemberton, Edward Pfeiffer, Julia Baker, Ann Vaughan, Jack Boggs, Ann Foster, Lois Honeycutt, J. A. Ransone, Arleen Smith, Tucker, Harrison, Inez East, B. B. Stonnell.

Third Row: Lois Ehrhart, Dorothy Mae Farris, Bobby McKay, Mary Kay Wealch, George Wilson, Virginia Crockett, Odis Midkiff, Jean Ann Carter, Roy Speas, Joan Shores, Robert Agee, Barbara Vaughan, Wilson Shores, Miss Agee, *Sponsor.*

Fourth Row: Hunter Meador, Lillian Guthrie, Jack Ingle, Marie Ashburn, P. L. Duncan, Rozine Stout, Franklin Adams, Mattie Emerson, Herbert Goodman, Tessie Oertel, Hugh Pleasants, Shirley Baldwin.

DRAMATIC CLUB

OFFICERS

Jack Boggs.....*President*
Hunter Meador.....*Vice-President*
Ann Foster.....*Secretary*
B. B. Stonnell.....*Treasurer*
Jeannette Furr.....*Reporter*

First Row: Robert Agee, Frances Moorefield, Hunter Meador, Audrey Sanderson, Jackie Boggs, Ann Foster, B. B. Stonnell, Jeannette Furr, Eric Robinson, Lois Ehrhart, Frank Baber.

Second Row: Mattie Emerson, Anne Smith, Ida Mae Pembelton, Addie Mae Dennis, Marty Anne Kieth, Julia Baker, Wilson Shores, Marie Ashburn, Carl Brown, Lois Honeycutt, Lillian Bruce, Arleen Smith, Otelia Hazzelgrove, Mr. Robeson, *Sponsor.*

F. F. A. CLUB

OFFICERS

Eric Robertson.....*President*
Everett Carnes.....*Vice-President*
Rudolph Johnston.....*Secretary*
Allen Hunter.....*Treasurer*
Wilson Shores.....*Reporter*
Carl Brown.....*Sentinel*

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LIFE'S PATHWAYS

As we wander up life's pathways,
Many friends we've lost and gained,
Some have lingered far behind us,
Other's friendships we've retained.
We have met life's many hardships;
Fear and trembling pushed aside,
Met them all with lasting courage,
Won our victories with pride.

Now we wander up life's pathway,
Up the hill both steep and high;
On to college some shall wander,
Other pathways some shall try.
Goals in life now lie before us;
Strive to reach for them we must.
'Tis for this school has prepared us;
We shall not bertay that trust.

On we wander up life's pathways
Flame of knowledge burning high,
Though the way be rough and rocky
Keep it flaming bright we'll try,
Having faith in what's before us,
Leaving much we've learned behind.
For others who pass after us
Our light shall brightly shine.

—Marty Ann Keith

CLASS HISTORY

Four years ago we, a bunch of frightened freshmen, entered the portals of Cumberland, eager to begin our high school days. We set to work to make new friends and to accommodate our new teachers. Little did we know that we would become the greatest class of Cumberland. During our freshman year a few of our members managed to sing well enough to get into the Glee Club. That year we didn't have the opportunity of taking many active parts in clubs, but we waited anxiously until our time would come.

In the fall of '45, after being well settled in our new school life, we again entered Cumberland's wide opened doors. This time giggling, laughing, and talking as fast as we could. For this time we felt more prepared to meet what lay before us. This year, being proud Sophomores, we were eagerly urged to take parts in all the various clubs. Several more of our members entered the Glee Club and several, the Dramatic Club and 4-H Club. Some of our girls and boys were even good enough to become members of the softball and baseball teams, which of course made us proud indeed. We are proud to admit that during this year we started a school paper, which gave great enjoyment and proved to be a great success. By the end of our Sophomore year we really felt like "Old Timers" and didn't fear meeting one of those great big "Seniors."

We started the fall of '46 out by upholding our name, Jolly Juniors. This year was certainly a great and jolly year because of the cooperative school spirit and jolliness of each person. We enlarged the membership of our clubs a great deal. By the addition of our members to the Glee Club and Dramatic Club we not only provided our school with more and better entertainment, but extended these to our whole community. It indeed was a pleasure to be able to include our community in our activities. Our Glee Club presented an extraordinary Christmas Pageant, the best put on in the history of Cumberland's Glee Club.

Our boys played and won some outstanding ball games. The basis for such a successful session was the hard work on the part of the members of the team and of the coach.

The most important event of the year to us was the Junior-Senior party, which we eagerly awaited. When the big moment rolled around, everyone was happily hustling and bustling to prepare for it. This party was really a hilarious affair with teachers and everyone joining in the fun. Everyone went home full of fun and delicious refreshments. Our Junior year was ended with as much jolliness as it began.

The fall of '47 was really started out with the highest spirits we had ever known. We were really proud and dignified Seniors. Just being called "Senior" thrilled us. After this period of gaiety had subsided we set diligently to work to complete our last high school days. The year has held for us many responsibilities and many opportunities. But as we have prepared to meet them, we have felt that both our responsibilities and opportunities have strengthened us, broadened our outlook, and been successfully encountered.

The Glee Club and Dramatic Club were honored by having quite a few of our Seniors join them. This great increase of talent in our clubs enabled the Glee Club to present a Christmas Pageant equal to the one given in our Junior year. A Debating Club was organized this year and we are proud to say that the Seniors dominated this exciting and educational club.

As usual we were proud of our boys and girls as they won game after game. This, of course, was the result of cooperation and much hard work.

Now the time has come for us to thank all our faculty members for the untiring efforts they have made to equip us with the necessary tools needed by each of us to face the life that lies before us. Each of us has worked hard and faithfully to prepare himself for his future life's work. We thank our teachers and classmates for the parts they have played in making this long struggle a success. As each of us steps out to meet whatever the future holds for him, he feels thoroughly prepared to face it fairly and squarely. The thought of leaving behind so many friends, of course, saddens us, but we know that this is our first step in meeting our new life courageously, as we all have our individual destinies to fulfill. We earnestly beg all those we leave behind to make the most of every opportunity given to them and to carry on faithfully where we have left off, each doing the best he can.

PROPHECY

It was on August 1, 1960, that I received a message from the Smithonian Institute in Washington saying that due to my latest startling discovery they had arranged a vacation for me.

I was glad to get a vacation for I had been working very hard for the past year and a half, but now that I had it I didn't know what to do with it. Suddenly a thought struck me! Why not travel around and see other parts of the country and maybe renew friendships with some of my old schoolmates. Never will I forget our sad parting from Cumberland High.

I drove my jet-propelled car to the nearest airport. It seemed funny, looking back to those gas rationing days, that some smart chap hadn't invented a jet-propelled sooner.

I boarded the plane the sunny afternoon of August 3. My first stop was to be Chicago, where the All-American Girls' Basketball team was playing. It was an event in which I was much interested. We arrived at Chicago early the next morning. I left the plane and stood awhile trying to get use to the feel of solid earth again! While standing there I noticed the pilot leaving the plane. He started towards me and to my amazement I saw it was my old school chum, B. B. Stonnell. He stopped and chatted for a while and as he said he had some time off, we decided we would go together to the game that evening. The game was at its best when B. B. made the amazing discovery that Hester Wright was managing the All-American Girls. We went down after the game and chatted with her a while. She told us that Otelia Hazelgroove was a famous dietician and that her courses in keeping one small were the best on the market.

After we left the stadium and were walking down the street I noticed a sign, Jack Boggs—Justice of the Peace. We decided to go in and talk with the old boy a while. When I went in a pretty, black-haired girl sitting behind the desk caught my eye. A second look told me she was Julia Baker, one of our old schoolmates. She didn't recognize me at first, but after B. B. told her who I was, she was surprised and pleased to see me. While we were talking with her Jack Boggs entered from an inner office. He was on his way to lunch and we eagerly accepted his cordial invitation to join him. We talked as we went along and finally finished our conversation while we ate. Then we separated, as B. B. had to get back to the airport, and I wanted to see more of the town.

Following Jack's directions, I went to the DuPont plant where Buck Blackwell was manager. Entering the office, I bumped into a girl who exclaimed, "Why H. G.!" I then realized she was Lillian Bruce. She said that she had been working for Buck ever since he became manager there three years before. Buck hard us talking and came out to see what was going on. We gossiped over old times like two washwomen, then he told me that he had been doing a little experimenting on the side and had found a defense against the Atomic Bomb. I had recently read this in the paper. It had never occurred to me that Mary Jane, our old girl friend, was now Home Demonstration Agent for Cumberland County, and that Marie Ashburn was the County Nurse. It seems that they have worked together and have helped to improve the county marvelously.

That night I left by plane, and the following morning I awoke to find the plane landing at La Guardia airport in New York.

After finding a hotel room, out I went to take a few dancing lessons. This was one thing I had always wanted to do and had never had time for. Now that I had time I was going to learn!

At Arthur Murray's dancing school I wasn't a bit surprised to see Hunter Meador, managing teachers and pupils with an experienced air. I was sitting on the corner of the desk busily chatting with him when the door opened and in walked Marty Ann Keith, who very briskly told Hunter that she had come to

PROPHECY

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check his books. While he had the bookkeeper bring them to her, Marty Ann talked a while with us. She was as surprised to see Hunter and myself as we were to see her. She told us that she had been working for Arthur Murray ever since she graduated from Smith-Deal Massy.

Leaving them to their work I went on to Radio City to see and hear a broadcast. I was especially interested in the broadcast of Margaret Ingle and Robert Agee, the famous commedians. Arriving there before the broadcast was to start, I talked with them for a while and they took me in to see Ann Vaughan, the famous singer, who was broadcasting at that time with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra. Margaret and Robert had to get back to their studio as their broadcast was to start soon, so I waited and talked with Ann. Afterward Ann told me to see Francis Moorefield who was dancing at the Metropolitan Opera House. Watching her I understood why she had won the international award as the worlds best ballet dancer. After the show we went behind stage and talked to her. Frances told all what had happened to her since we graduated together.

The next day while watching the Yankee's fight for the pennant, my field glasses brought the manager closer. After some hesitation I realized he was J. A. Ransone. As soon as the game was over, I rushed down to the dressing room and talked with him. He was overjoyed because his team had just won the pennant. We went to lunch and then he took me over to the large Bordon's office which Clayton Johnston was managing. Clayton took us through the dairy plant telling us how it worked and how he, like cream, had risen to the top.

Getting on the bus to go with me back to my hotel, J. A. bumped into a girl and knocked her make-up box in the gutter. While picking it up, I noticed it was stamped Benice Berry. She recognized J. A. and as I turned, exclaimed, "and H. G. too, what luck!" We stood on the corner and talked while bus after bus passed. Then she looked at her watch and said that she must run as she was to give Mrs. Van Pooften a facial. I could see that such a famous beautician didn't have much time to stand on the street corners and talk.

On to Washington where I landed at the Municipal Ariport the next evening. I took a cab to the War Department, under the Secretary of Defence, to see Eugene Banton, who was the Chief of Staff. He had obtained the rank faster than any person in the history of our country. Naturally, he was also a general in the United States Army.

While I was talking to Gene, his secretary came in and announced that a Mr. Paul Francis wished to see him. He told her to send our old classmate in. In Paul came and joined our conversation. Our tongues flew like examples of perpetual motion, as he told us of his rise to fame, as a very great news commentator, who was becoming a second Walter Winchell.

For the rest of my journey to my parents home I decided to go by the very ancient method of train. It seemed as if I would never get to Fredericksburg, for the train crept along at about one hundred-fifty miles an hour.

Finally, arriving there about half an hour later, I went to Mary Washington to see Frank Baber, who was Professor of Greek and Latin. Frank said that he found more interest in teaching the girls Latin and Greek than in anything else he had tried.

Arriving in Richmond late the same evening I stopped by the office of the Virginia Wild Life Magazine to see Everett Carnes, the editor. Everett had been interested in stocking the fields and streams with more game so it seems that all will have a chance to enjoy hunting and fishing.

Although I greatly enjoyed my journey and renewing my friendship with all my old classmates, I was glad to get home to really take a rest and to be with my parents, who were overjoyed to have their only son at home once more.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Ladies and Gentlemen, Board of Education, Superintendents, Parents, Teachers, and Friends:

Upon behalf of my client, the class of One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight, of Cumberland High School, in the County of Cumberland, State of Virginia, in the United States of America, I have called you together on this solemn and serious occasion to listen to her last will and testament and to receive from her dying hands the gifts which she has to bestow in her last moments. Realizing that she has no more time to spend in cultivation of her own virtues, she collectively and individually, deems it best to distribute these virtues with her own hand to those friends to whose needs they best fit.

Owing to the flighty condition of her little grey cells, she begs me to state for her that she may quite possibly have been mistaken in her inventory; but such things, as she thinks she has, she hereby gives into your possession, praying that you will accept them as a sacred trust from one who has gone before and use them as great assets.

Listen, then, one and all, while I read the document, as duly drawn up and sworn to:

"We, the class of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, being about to pass out of this sphere of education in full possession of a crammed mind, well-trained memory, and almost super-human understanding, do make public and declare this our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills or promises by us at any time heretofore made, or mayhaps, carelessly spoken, one to another, as the thoughtless wish of an idle hour.

I, Everett Carnes, will my love for Betty Frazier to Junior Jamerson.

I, Margaret Ingle, will my ability to get along with Mr. Robeson to Charlie Parker.

I, Julia Ann Keith, will my ability to answer all government questions with "such as that" and get them right, to Dot Pipjunge.

I, J. A. Ransone, will my ability to flirt with all the girls and have them like it, to Vernon Easter.

I, Otelia Hazelgrove, will my ability to get A's in typing to Jean Ann Carter.

I, Jack Boggs, will all my lost books to Bernard Warren.

I, Frank Baber, will all my overweight to Elbert Womack.

I, Marie Ashburn, will my job as secretary for Mr. Smith to Alene Marion.

I, Mary Jane Smallwood, will my diamond ring and my boy friend to Margaret Irving.

I, Hester Wright, will my athletic ability to Lillian Ball.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

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I, Buck Blackwell, will my job as bus driver to James Marion.

I, Anne Vaughan, will my ability to flirt with the boys to Edith Dowdy.

I, Clayton Johnston, will my ability to hide everyones' books to Hayes Whaley.

I, Robert Agee, will all my demerits to James Parker.

I, B. B. Stonell, will my basketball leadership to Dale Sutton.

I, Eugene Banton, will my ability to get along with all the women teachers to David Barker.

I, Hunter Meador, will my melodious voice to William Jones.

I, Lillian Bruce, will my quiet studious ways to Hugh Pleasant.

I, Bernice Berry, will my smallness to Doris Elgin.

I, Paul Francis, will my bashful blonde hair to Bobby McKay.

I, Frances Moorefield, will my dancing ability to Eric Robinson.

All the rest and residue of our property, whatsoever it may be, we give and bequeath to our beloved principal for his use and benefit, absolutely, and to be disposed of for the good of the coming class as he sees fit.

The Senior class leaves to the oncoming Juniors all of the lost books, initial carved desks, and a cold room.

The Class of '48 leaves to their beloved teacher all the apple cores, chewing gum stuck in the desks, and a *session* of restful nights and peaceful dreams.

The class also wishes to leave all the cake wrappers, ice cream wrappers, and sticks stuck behind the seats in the auditorium to our worthy janitor. We hereby constitute and appoint the said principal sole executor of this our last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, We, the Class of One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, the testators have to this our last will, written on this sheet of parchment, set our hands and seal the fourth day of June, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-eight.

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